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French chargé who had died previously. The Belgian consul and some other foreign representatives have died. Unless otherwise instructed I will not proceed to Port au Prince until the conditions have somewhat ameliorated.

I am, etc.,

HENRY M. SMYTHE,
Chargé d' Affaires of the United States.

HON. SECRETARY OF STATE.

INDIA.

Prevalence of plague in Bombay.

BOMBAY, *December 10, 1896.*

SIR: One hundred and seventy-three cases of plague reported, but actual number much greater. It is estimated that one-quarter of the population has deserted the city. Total deaths this week reported 1,051, corresponding week last year 460, increase 591, or average 84 per day, which were probably all due to plague. As the population is reduced to three-fourths of what it was a year ago, the deaths last year on present population would have been about 345 instead of 460, and 115 more should be added to the probable number of actual deaths from plague, making the number 706, or an average of 100 per day for the week under report.

S. COMFORT,
United States Consul.

JAPAN.

Report of infectious diseases.

YOKOHAMA, *December 12, 1896.*

SIR: I have the honor to inclose herewith my usual report of infectious diseases in Japan,

And am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

STUART ELDRIDGE, M. D.,
Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.

[Inclosure.]

Report of infectious diseases in Japan, from December 4 to December 12, 1896.

Locality.	Cholera.		Dysentery.		Smallpox.	
	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.
Kioto Fu.....			4	1	25	5
Osaka Fu.....			15	9	24	2
Tokyo Fu.....	6	5	8	3	220	65
Aichi Ken.....			21	8	1	1
Akita Ken.....			14	17		
Awomori Ken.....			10	7	3	
Chiba Ken.....			22	17	15	4
Fukui Ken.....			2	2		
Fukuoka Ken.....			5	5	19	4
Fukushima Ken.....			3	3		
Gifu Ken.....			132	49		
Gumma Ken.....						
Hiogo Ken.....			84	24	345	196
Hiroshima Ken.....			50	23	17	5
Ibaraki Ken.....						
Ishikawa Ken.....			2	2	3	
Iwate Ken.....			21	12		
Kagawa Ken.....			6	8	2	
Kagoshima Ken.....			18	7		
Kanagawa Ken (Yokohama).....	2	2	13	1	20	2
Kochi Ken.....			8	3		
Kumamoto Ken.....						
Miyagi Ken.....			3	2	21	3
Miyazaki Ken.....			2	1		
Miye Ken.....			16	12		
Nagano Ken.....			11	3	1	
Nagasaki Ken.....			21	6	1	
Nara Ken.....						
Niigata Ken.....			931	254		
Oita Ken.....						
Okayama Ken.....			16	1	14	2
Okinawa Ken.....			2		41	21
Saga Ken.....						
Saitama Ken.....			35	14	20	2
Shidzuoka Ken.....			115	46		
Shiga Ken.....					1	1
Shimane Ken.....			66	33		
Tochigi Ken.....						
Tokushima Ken.....			6	2	41	5
Tottori Ken.....						
Toyama Ken.....			1	2		
Wakayama Ken.....						
Yamagata Ken.....						
Yamaguchi Ken.....			17	5	15	3
Yamanashi Ken.....			37	12		
Yehime Ken.....			8	4	2	1
The Hokkaido.....			1	1	13	1
Taiwan (Formosa).....	* 4	* 8				
Totals.....			1,727	599	864	323

* Plague.

NICARAGUA.

Vital statistics.

SAN JUAN DEL NORTE, NICARAGUA, November 9, 1896.

SIR : I have the honor to submit the following abstract of vital statistics of Nicaragua for the year ended December 31, 1895 :

Births—Males, 5,396 ; females, 5,138 ; total, 10,534. Legitimate, 6,386 ; illegitimate, 4,148 ; total, 10,534. Indians, 3,781 ; all others, 6,753 ; total, 10,534.

Deaths—Males, 2,484 ; females, 2,296 ; total, 4,780. Single, 3,346 ; married, 881 ; widowed, 553 ; total, 4,780. Indians, 1,729 ; all others, 3,051 ; total, 4,780.

The returns purport to cover the entire country, with the exception of the Department of Zelaya and district of Cabo Gracias a Dios on